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SUBJECT:U.S. PRESS COVERAGE OF DEMONSTRATION AGAINST
EMBASSY.

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 2935

1. WASHINGTON POST JUNE 1 REPORTED REFORMISTA DEMONSTRATION
AGAINST EMBASSY IN BRIEF ARTICLE ON INTERIOR PAGE, HEAD-
LINED "DOMINICANS PICKET U.S. EMBASSY." FOLLOWING IS
TEXT OF ARTICLE, FROM UPI:

2. QUOTE. ABOUT 300 DEMONSTRATORS PICKETED THE US AND
VENEZUELAN EMBASSIES YESTERDAY, DENOUNCING WHAT THEY
CALLED PRESIDENT CARTER'S INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN
ELECTIONS.

POLICE DID NOT INTERVENE WHEN THE DEMONSTRATORS RATTLED
THE METAL GRILL-WORK OF THE U.S. EMBASSY AND AIMED STONES
AT THE VENEZUELAN LEGATION. THE PROTESTERS BROKE SEVERAL
WINDOWS OF THE MEXICAN EMBASSY, WHICH WAS NOT THEIR
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TARGET BUT IS LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING.

NEITHER MEXICAN NOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HAD ANY COMMENT.

CARTER HAS BEEN UNDER CRITICISM BY SOME FOLLOWERS
OF PRESIDENT JOAQUIN BALAGUER FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST
A MILITARY SEIZURE OF THE BALLOT BOXES ON MAY 17, THE

DAY FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.
BALAGUER WAS DEFEATED IN HIS BID FOR A FOURTH TERM BY
THE OPPOSITION LEADER ANTONIO GUZMAN.

MILITARY COMMANDERS, UNDER PRESSURE FROM WASHINGTON AND
OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO ALLOW A FREE VOTE
COUNT, LATER DENIED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ANY ATTEMPT TO
INTERVENE IN THE ELECTION PROCESS, AND VOTE-COUNTING
WAS RESUMED.

GUZMAN'S ELECTION WAS CONFIRMED LAST FRIDAY THE THE
ELECTION COMMISSION.

END QUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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